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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of

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Application No.: 10/817,417

Group Art Unit: 1763

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING A CHEMICAL OXIDE REMOVAL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the following U.S. patent application(s):

Examiner's Initials	First Inventor	Application No.	Filing Date	Enclosed
	HIGUCHI (071469-0307558)	10/812,347	03/30/2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings <input type="checkbox"/> Other: stamped receipt card
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It is respectfully requested that these applications and the art cited therein during examination be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and be made of record in this application. The identification of the above U.S. patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent.

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Consideration of each listed application is earnestly solicited since unpublished patent applications are contemplated as IDS material; see the exception in Rule 98(a)(2)(iii) and note the penultimate sentence of MPEP 609.

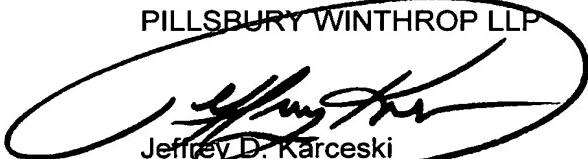
Further, in keeping with MPEP 609, subsec. C(2), 2nd para., line 10 to end of the paragraph (especially note lines 18-25) **PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS LETTER** with the Examiner's initials adjacent each above listing so that applicant will know that each listed application has been considered as required by PTO policy.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

Respectfully Submitted,

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